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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 1, 1872.

Mr. KELLOGG asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

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**A BILL**

To relieve American-built steamers and vessels from import duties laid upon materials and articles entering into their construction, repair, and use.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That all import duties hereafter collected on materials  
4       entering into the construction of vessels and steamers built  
5       in the United States shall be returned to the builders thereof,  
6       under regulations to be established for such purpose by the  
7       Secretary of the Treasury; and all articles of foreign  
8       product needed for subsistence on American vessels and  
9       steamers engaged in foreign trade, or in the use or repair  
10      of American vessels and steamers, may be withdrawn from  
11      bonded warehouses free of duty.